

## HIP, a unique training program...

HIP is a unique job training program in which qualified staff supervise unskilled adults (18 years and older) and teach them the skills and habits necessary for future career advancement.

For more information,  
please call the  
HIP Hotline  
at (310) 618-2731.



**Grab bar  
installation.**



**Disability upgrades and  
customized wheel chair ramps.**



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## The Home Improvement Program



**A Program for  
Seniors and  
the Disabled**

# The Home Improvement Program (HIP)

**The Home Improvement Program (HIP)** is a free program in which Disabled Individuals and Senior Citizens can have a variety of home improvement services completed provided they meet certain criteria. These services include:

## Disability Upgrades for the Home

- Wheelchair ramps, staircase handrails, grab bars.

## Light Plumbing

- Unclog drains, fix leaky faucets, replace/repair faucets, showerheads and water heaters

## Yard Services

- Overgrowth clean up and removal, hauling, and weed abatement

## Paint

- Exterior of homes only (water based paint)

## Minor Repairs

- Repair/replace broken windows and screens, repair/replace locks, rodent proofing, and trash removal

## Services NOT provided:

- Hazardous Materials removal - such as asbestos
- Major roof repairs
- Interior painting
- Paving and concrete work

Services are free for all qualified participants.



## Service Priorities:

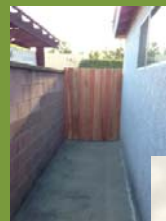
Service requests are handled in the order received, however priority is given to emergencies, disability modifications, and safety and security issues for Very Low Income applicants.

## Qualification is based on the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a senior ages 50 or older or disabled owner/occupant of a single family residence within the City limits of Torrance.
- Applicants must meet the financial criteria as set by the Federal Government, Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD).
- Verification of income must be provided.
- An application must be submitted each calendar year or anytime there is a change in income during the year.



**Gate installation.**



**Staircase handrail.**

## Scheduling of Service:

- Upon approval of the application, HIP Staff will contact the applicant to schedule an assessment of the request and an estimated service date.

## HUD Income Limit Guidelines FY 2013

Household Size	Very Low Income (Monthly)	Low Income (Monthly)
1	\$2,492	\$3,988
2	\$2,850	\$4,554
3	\$3,204	\$5,125
4	\$3,588	\$5,692
5	\$3,729	\$6,150
6	\$4,129	\$6,604
7	\$4,413	\$7,058
8	\$4,700	\$7,517

